Executive Broclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome has been found in virtually every ethnic and cultural group and in every social class; and,

WHEREAS, The average incidence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in most populations is 1 baby in every 750 live births, which is far greater than the incidence of other birth defects; and,

WHEREAS, Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect show a wide variety of physical and mental impairments including mental retardation; and,

WHEREAS, Unlike genetic birth defects, such as Downs Syndrome or Spina Bifida, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is 100% preventable by abstaining from drinking during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, There is no treatment for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; and,

WHEREAS, Prevention education must focus not only on the mother, but on the family, the health care system, and the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 13-19, 1986, as

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six

WILLIAM J. JANKEOW, GOVERNOR